



Emerging Issues Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2009

Summary

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members in Attendance (10):

Michelle Neitch (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission), proxy for Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics)
David Choate, Chair (Arizona State University, Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network)
Meena Shahi (First Things First)
Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)
Judith Fritsch (Department of Economic Security, Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices)
Officer Bobbie Moreland (Phoenix Police Department)
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)—via conference call
Dennis Embry (PAXIS Institute)—via conference call
Alida Montiel (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)—via conference call

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members Absent (4):

Joan McNamara (Pima County/Tucson Commission on Drug Addiction and Prevention, Compass Health Care)
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)
Wanda LeClere MacDonald (Navajo Behavioral Health Services, Navajo Nation)
Christina Cutshaw (University of Arizona)

Office of Governor Janice K. Brewer's Staff (3):

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF)
La'Tanya King (GOCYF)
Cassandra Larsen (GOCYF)

Public (2):

David Redpath (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Alyssa Rapisarda (Florence Crittenton)



Call to Order was made by David Choate at 1:36 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

- David Choate asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- David Choate verified that the group members had previewed the meeting minutes from April 2009.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig noted a few minor corrections and Michelle Anderson also noted edits.
- Richard Porter motioned to accept the minutes with changes.
 - Meena Shahi seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed without objection.

Announcements

- David Choate reported that the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety at Arizona State University is hosting an Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) symposium on May 21, 2009 from 11:30 – 2:00.
 - Emerging Issues Subcommittee members may send an RSVP to: Irene.Maldonado@asu.edu.
- Jeanne Blackburn reported that new members will be added to Emerging Issues. Their names will be reported to ASAP at its June meeting for approval.
 - The new members, pending approval, will be:

David Redpath
Research Specialist
Arizona Supreme Court
Administrative Office of the Courts
Juvenile Justice Services Division

John Morris
Drug Court Coordinator
Yavapai County Adult Probation

- The next ASAP meeting, which will focus on underage drinking, will be held June 3, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower, 1700 W Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.



Update on Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

- Jeanne Blackburn updated the group on the work of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.
 - The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group is assisting the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) with a recovery monies grant that will allow SIRC to hire personnel to assist with data analysis, data mapping and community outreach. These efforts will help to establish partnerships between government, academia and communities.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig indicated that the focus of the grant will be on family issues and health disparities, especially those among racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., Hispanic and African American issues).
 - Jeanne Blackburn met with members of St. Luke's Health Initiatives (SLHI) responsible for the Arizona Health Survey (AHS) and other funders of the AHS. Ms. Blackburn discussed the addition of adult substance abuse prevalence questions to the survey with them that were decided upon by the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group members.
 - The suggested questions will be added.
 - The sampling methodology will allow for the results of the 2010 AHS to be generalizable to the Regional Behavioral Health Authority area (RBHA).

Update on Spotlight Report: Rx Drug Abuse

- David Choate reported that the Prescription Drug Abuse Spotlight Report has been completed and is available on the Governor's Office website.
 - Group members asked whether the website is set up to track the number of "hits" for the purpose of tracking the dissemination of the report.
 - Group members also inquired as to the ability to track other methods of dissemination.
 - Jeanne Blackburn will follow up with the Governor's Office IT Department regarding the website and will begin to track the other ways in which the Spotlight Report is disseminated, including the distribution of the report at the next meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.

Update on School Resource Office Canary Survey

- David Choate and Officer Bobbie Moreland indicated that a formal letter from the Governor's Office will help legitimize the survey for Police Departments that are hesitant to distribute it to their School Resource Officers.
- David Choate indicated that the SRO survey will likely serve as a pilot due to the convenience sampling methodology used. Problems with the survey as well as any issues with the process will be determined and corrected based on this survey, after which time, the survey can become a yearly assessment of emerging issues seen by SRO's.
 - The survey design will be revisited at the August meeting of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee after the preliminary data have been analyzed.



Life Path Project

- Jeanne Blackburn provided the group with a draft narrative for the Life Path Project and asked that editorial suggestions be sent to her within a week so that she can have a more polished draft to the group by May 26th.

Co-Occurring Spotlight Report

- David Choate indicated that the Co-Occurring Spotlight Report will not take as long to complete as the Prescription Drug Abuse Spotlight Report because the process has been refined.
- The group decided that in order to describe the scope and nature of co-occurring disorders, juveniles in the criminal justice system (who range in age from 8-17) should be examined as well as adults in the behavioral health system.
- The definition of co-occurring disorders put forth by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be used for the report.
- Data on youth with co-occurring disorders should be submitted within two weeks and Jeanne Blackburn will utilize the data from the 2008 *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona* report for information regarding adult treatment for co-occurring disorders.

Call to Public

- David Choate made a call to the public. No one from the public had any comment.

Adjourn at 3:05 p.m. by David Choate after Judith Fritsch moved to adjourn, a motion that was seconded by Meena Shahi. David reminded the group members that the next meeting is scheduled for June 11 from 1:30 – 3:30 in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF).